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SUBJ: DIVIDED FAMILY CASE - LAJOS FARO

REF: STATE 165603, BUDAPEST 2264, BUDAPEST 1932

1. CONSUL SPOKE JULY 22 WITH FARO AND HIS USC WIFE. THEY CONFIRMED THAT FARO FILED APPEAL IN LATE JUNE AGAINST HIS THIRD PASSPORT REFUSAL; REPLY TO APPEAL NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. CONSUL WILL SUPPORT THIS CASE IN SPECIFIC TERMS AT MFA AS SOON AS SUMMERTIME AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS PERMITS - PROBABLY IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

3. MRS. FARO REPORTED THAT SENATOR PERCY WROTE HER HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RAISE MATTER WITH HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR. CONSUL CAUTIONED HER ALONG LINES OF PARA 5 OF BUDAPEST 1932 ABOUT NEED TO HANDLE DELICATELY ANY APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR. MRS. FARO SAID SHE WOULD CONSIDER SEEKING A PERSONAL APPOINTMENT WITH PERCY AFTER SHE RETURNS TO U.S. IN EARLY AUGUST. SHE HAS HAD ONLY WRITTEN CONTACT WITH HIM TO DATE. SHE COMMENTED THAT INTEREST IN CASE OF SENATOR ADLAI STEVENSON, TO WHOM SHE HAD WRITTEN EARLIER, APPEARS DORMANT.

4. MRS. FARO SOUGHT CONSUL'S OPINION ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF HER "GOING PUBLIC" ABOUT CASE IN U.S. PRESS. CONSUL
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REFRAINED FROM MAKING A RECOMMENDATION, BUT ADVISED

MRS. FARO TO BE AWARE THAT PUBLIC APPROACH COULD LEAD TO NEGATIVE GOH RESPONSE. AT TIME SHE LEFT OFFICE MRS. FARO APPEARED TO FAVOR ATTEMPTING PERCY ROUTE PRIOR TO CONSIDERING WHETHER TO GO PUBLIC.

5. MRS. FARO STATED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY HUSBAND WOULD BE CALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE ABOUT SEPTEMBER, FOR TWO YEARS.

6. MRS. FARO REPORTED THAT SHE AND HUSBAND INFORMED HIS PARENTS OF MARRIAGE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. SINCE HE IS ONLY CHILD, THEY ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED BY, OR OPPOSE, HIS GOING TO U.S. FATHER-IN-LAW TOLD MRS. FARO SHE SHOULD SETTLE WITH HER HUSBAND IN HUNGARY. SHE FIRST LEFT HERE IN 1956 AT AGE EIGHT MONTHS.

7. COMMENT: MRS. FARO APPEARED TO BE A PERSPICACIOUS YOUNG WOMAN, INTELLIGENTLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES ATTENDING HER HUSBAND'S EMIGRATION AND OF THE LIMITATIONS IN WHAT USG CAN DO ABOUT SITUATION. SHE APPEARED SATISFIED WITH EMBASSY'S CLOSE ATTENTION TO MATTER AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS. MUDD

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